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Request for Intelligence Opinion on Possible Soviet Participation
in Metallurgical Conference.

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[REDACTED] requested the Department's permission to invite approximately five Soviet participants to an International Symposium on the Physical Chemistry of Process Metallurgy to be held in Pittsburgh April 27 - 30, 1959. He would also like to plan a post-conference tour for them. The invitation is to go to Soviet Dr. I. P. Bardin, Director of the Baikov Metallurgical Institute, leaving the choice of participants to him.

The Intelligence Community is requested to determine the possible value of Soviet participation in the conference; the desirability of waiving the travel restrictions which would normally keep Soviets out of Pittsburgh; the desirability of entering into another exchange in view of the just-completed exchange of iron and steel specialists under the auspices of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

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A prompt reply would be appreciated inasmuch as [REDACTED] has been requested to defer action pending consultation with interested officers.

Enclosure:

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Letter from [REDACTED] dated
October 9, 1958, with enclosures.

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